



Friendship Ark, Inc.

IMPACT 2025

MISSION STATEMENT

Friendship Ark Homes and Community Services celebrates the uniqueness of adults with intellectual disabilities by providing homes and community services. We help our core members reach their fullest potential through faith, family and friendship!

THE HEART OF OUR ORGANIZATION THRU NUMBERS

- 19-79** ages currently being served
- 61** # of core members served
- 19** # of core members in Hourly SCL*
- 9** # of core members in intermediate homes
- 34** # of core members in 24-Hour SCL*
- 54** # of core members in Day Habilitation program
- 26** # of core members we are representative payee for
- 143** # of core members on waiting list

*SCL- Supported Community Living



Key Accomplishments

- We launched our ARK-itects Capital Campaign to build our first fully accessible programming and recreation hub on a Cy-Ride route.
- Building our 10th home with another innovative twist that allows for two separated living spaces. This benefits those that may prefer independent living but still want the closeness of others nearby.
- Moved one core member to an apartment on their own and one core member from a 24-hour home to one of our intermediate homes that allows for more independence.
- Celebrated the 25th anniversary of Friendship Ark.
- Our business partners grew by 14 this year.
- We had our largest and most profitable gala yet.
- 26% increase in giving from 2024 to 2025.
- We earned another 3-year CARF accreditation. The highest level that can be awarded.

86

Staff Members

943

Community Volunteer Hours by Core Members

738

of Hours FAI Volunteers contributed this year

“Everything! I LOVE Friendship Ark - my son is extremely happy!!!”

Quote from a parent when asked about what they like about Friendship Ark.



HOW WE WERE PRESENT IN OUR COMMUNITY

This past year, we focused on strengthening our community bonds, which is evident in our **61% increase** in business partners. Businesses are stepping up to say our work matters, and we had more businesses represented at our annual gala than ever before. We intentionally engage with businesses by delivering partner plaques in person—a favorite activity of our core members—and try to write handwritten thank-you notes to say, you matter. Our race also saw near record numbers with over 200 runners participating.

In 2025, core members volunteered 943 hours, nearly matched by outside volunteers. They assisted with VBS programs, distributed Rummage Rampage flyers, worked water tables, and supported events like our annual Hot Cocoa Bar at Lucky Star Market. We also shared the Friendship Ark story with PEO chapters, Kiwanis, church groups, Leadership Ames, Rotary, the Central Iowa Board of Realtors, and ISU organizations. We're grateful for these connections and look forward to even more in 2026.

98%
of staff either agree or strongly agree they understand how their efforts contribute to the FAI mission.

100%
of parents/guardians either strongly agreed or agreed they are satisfied with the services & supports their family member receives.

100%
of core members report their rights are respected.

FISCAL YEAR
2025
REVENUE SUMMARY
\$6,931,007.39 TOTAL

Where revenue came from

- 90%- Program Service Revenue
- 3.6%- Rent
- 4.4%- Donations
- 0.5%- Grants
- 1.5% Representative Payee Fees, Interest, Work Study and Misc.



Your Support Matters!
DONOR IMPACT BREAKDOWN

Thank you for

\$796,402
(This amount does NOT include ARPA Grant funds.)

Fundraised in Fiscal Year 2025

General Donations \$258,634
Designated Donations \$537,768

328
Donors

37
Business Partners



ARK-ITECTS CAPITAL CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED

This past fall, Friendship Ark launched the largest fundraising effort in our organization's history — the ARK-itects Capital Campaign. Our vision was bold: to build a new programming and recreation hub that will transform how we serve our community.



This facility will become our first fully accessible, dedicated programming space intentionally designed to remove barriers and increase independence. Located directly in front of a CyRide stop, the hub will provide reliable public transportation access, empowering our core members with greater autonomy and opportunity.

More than just a building, this space will set the tone for who we are. It will be a place where quality begins, where core members, staff, families, and volunteers gather, and where community is strengthened. It will also guarantee dedicated gym space for our Arc of Story County Special Olympics athletes, ensuring consistent access to training and recreation.

As the need for our services continues to grow, this hub will allow Friendship Ark to expand programming, increase capacity, and meet that need with excellence.

The ARK-itects Capital Campaign is about more than bricks and mortar — it is about building independence, community, and opportunity for years to come.

Amount Raised/Pledged to Date
\$1.2 Million
and growing...

\$2.8 Million
Needed to complete both phases of project.
Phase 1 has begun!



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SAVE THE DATE

Tropical Sangria Escape
4.18.26

Come escape to our oasis!



Thank YOU donors, business partners, board members, volunteers, gala committee, families, staff and advocates of Friendship Ark!